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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 13, 15 – 22, 24 – 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bradley et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2010/0017606) (Interoperable Systems and Methods for Peer-To-Peer Service Orchestration).

1.1 Regarding claim 1, Bradley discloses a method comprising:

identifying a content provider (paragraph 6; paragraph 92);

identifying a service wherein the service corresponds with the content provider (paragraph 91; paragraph 92);

categorizing the service in a genre using a genre record (paragraphs 92, 94);

forming a service record within a service registry wherein the service record represents the service (paragraphs 91, 94); and

allowing a content user to discover the service through the service registry (paragraph 92 “this **service description** is **published to a registry** by any of a number of means so that the service may be **discovered**”).

paragraph 92 of Bradley

A service provider offers access to some set of operations for a particular purpose described by a WSDL service description; **this service description is published to a registry by any of a number of means so that the service may be discovered**. A registry may be public or private within a specific domain.

paragraph 6 of Bradley

Embodiments of the systems and methods described herein can be used to address some or all of the foregoing problems. In one embodiment, a services framework is provided that enables multiple types of stakeholders in the consumer or enterprise media space (e.g., **consumers, content providers, device manufacturers, service providers**) **to find each other**, establish a trusted relationship, and **exchange value** in rich and dynamic ways through exposed service interfaces. Embodiments of this framework--which will be referred to generally as the Network Environment for Media Orchestration (NEMO)--can provide a platform for enabling interoperable, secure, media-related e-commerce in a world of heterogeneous consumer devices, media formats, communication protocols, and security mechanisms. Distributed policy management of the service interfaces can be used to help provide trust and security, thereby facilitating commercial exchange of value.

1.2 Per claim 2, Bradley teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising associating content with the service through a content record (paragraphs 91, 92, 193).

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1.3 Regarding claim 3, Bradley teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising associating a genre with the service through a genre record (paragraph 403 “affinity groups”).

1.4 Per claim 4, Bradley teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising identifying a protocol associated with the service through an engagement record (paragraphs 9, 83).

1.5 Regarding claim 5, Bradley discloses the method according to claim 1, wherein the service includes one of a document, an image, audio data, and video data (Fig. 1; paragraph 98 “XML documents”; paragraph 320 “audio for the song”; paragraph 193).

1.6 Per claim 6, Bradley teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein the allowing further comprising checking access rights of the content user (paragraph 14 “DRM (Digital Rights Management)”; paragraph 125).

1.7 Regarding claim 7, Bradley discloses the method according to claim 1, further comprising selectively notifying the content user of the service via a recipient list (paragraph 128; paragraphs 401 – 403).

1.8 Per claim 8, Bradley teaches the method according to claim 7, wherein the recipient list contains at least one content user (paragraph 128; paragraphs 401 – 403).

1.9 Regarding claim 9, Bradley discloses the method according to claim 1, further comprising authenticating an identity of the content provider (paragraph 6; paragraph 264 “list of one or more authorization service providers that will be responsible for **authorizing access to the service**”).

1.10 Per claim 10, Bradley teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising adding a content record within the service registry wherein the content record is associated with a particular content (paragraphs 91, 92, 193).

1.11 Regarding claim 11, Bradley discloses the method according to claim 1, further comprising storing the service record within the service registry (paragraphs 91, 94).

1.12 Per claims 12, 13, 15 – 22, 24 – 25, and 27, 28, and 30, the rejection of claims 1 – 11 under 35 USC 102(e) (paragraphs 1.1 – 1.11) applies.

1.13 Regarding claim 26, Bradley discloses that the protocol includes one of UPnP, HTP, and RTP (paragraphs 9, 124, 234, 567).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/7/10 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's arguments, Examiner points to newly cited passages in the 35 USC 102(e) rejection above.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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